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ENCOURAGEMENT OF RAILWAY SIDING TO INDUSTRIAL UNITS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to encourage industrial units to use railway siding for smooth movement of their products by containers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the terms and conditions for provision of railway sidings?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): Since setting up of container depot takes time and huge investment, it has been decided that when there is a demand, Zonal Railways will notify Rail Terminals as Container Rail Terminals(CRT) by ensuring that the contemplated container handling activity will not in any way hinder or restrict or hamper handling of inward or outward traffic in rail wagons. All container operators will have access to any such CRT on a non-exclusive basis on a first come first serve basis. CRT will provide facilities for handling container trains by all the container operators. However, the handling of railway rakes will get priority over container rakes. No permanent container or cargo storage facility will be provided at any CRT.